



**Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI)  
2021 – 2022 Schedule of Classes and Attendance Policy**

Session	Date(s)	Time
Orientation	8/3	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Opening Retreat Day 1*	8/13	3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Opening Retreat Day 2*	8/14	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Exploring our Lenses: Equity and Inclusion	9/10	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday Session	9/13	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring Public Service: Government and Policy	10/8	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday Session	10/11	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring our Selves: Personal Development	11/5	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday Session	11/8	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring When Resources Lack: The Ripple Effect	12/3	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday Session	12/6	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring YOU: Telling Your Leadership Story	1/7	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday Session	1/10	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring Well-Being: Mind and Body	2/4	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday Session	2/7	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring Economy: Business & STEM	3/4	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday Session	3/7	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring Art: Culture in our Everyday	4/1	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday Session	4/4	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Exploring Natural Resources: Water Quality & Climate	4/22	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Graduation Rehearsal	4/25	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Graduation Ceremony*	4/28	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

\*Indicates required session

**Attendance Policy**

- Be sure you can commit to all the class dates and have discussed these with your parent/guardian, as well as other commitments (work, school activities, etc.).
  - Once selected we will work with your school to ensure the absence is excused. The student will need to make up classroom assignments.
- A student will miss **no more** than two experience days to be eligible to successfully complete the program. All absences must be made-up by completing an approved make-up session and/or service hours. This list will be provided to you at orientation.
- Participants will need to complete a make-up if they miss any portion of class.
- Opening Retreat and Graduation are required sessions.
- In extreme circumstances, an appeal may be submitted to the YLI Coordinator.

**Session Locations**

- Our session locations are TBD at this time. As everyone is aware, the pandemic may cause us to adjust or change as necessary, but we fully anticipate conducting an in-person experience. We have traditionally met at our office (700 Locust St. Suite 100, Des Moines, IA 50309) to start and end each day, and will provide bus transportation when we travel to different locations.